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After this morning's meeting at the Palais de Chaillot, in which no fire works were set off but it was unanimously decided the Soviet capabilities were even greater than before and Soviet intentions equally obscure, I met Bob Bowie and Ben Moore at the office, where we talked to Tommy. We discussed the difficulties with which the Paris accords are presently faced. The rift between France and Germany over the Saar will be difficult of solution. Even if the accords are ratified, there should be a further attempt toward European unity. The way to attempt it, however, even procedurally, is unclear. We talked a great deal on this subject.

E. and I had lunch at the Sulzbergers', which is always one of the most entertaining things one can do. Cy had just returned from a trip to Germany and was depressed by political conditions there, especially the row over the Saar. It is evident that the French drove too hard a bargain, and Adenauer is now faced with the fight of his life. He came near fainting yesterday during the Bundestag debate, and, if his dominating personality were removed from the political scene, the consequences would certainly be dangerous and unpredictable.

This afternoon I went to a NATO Council meeting and tonight we dined with the Gerards.

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